STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS

RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2020

The regular meeting of the Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee was called to order by the Chairman, Lloyd "Chip" Badeaux, on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at 9:32 a.m. at 600 North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Lloyd "Chip" Badeaux, Chairman

Elliott L. Temple James "Jim" Fine Travis Manceaux Frank Morse, Jr. Craig A. Stevens

Wesley L. "Wes" Wyman, Jr

There being a quorum present, the regular order of business was called.

Also attending the meeting were: Michael McDuff, Executive Director; Judy Dupuy, Board Administrator; Judge Darrell White, Retired, Hearing Officer; Kevin Landreneau, Board Attorney; and from the staff, Carrie Morgan, Leann Evans, Elaine Riggins, Lowana Cola, Monica Davis, John Dixon, Brad Hassert, Compliance Director; and Tarah Revette recording the minutes.

Mr. Morse led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Darrell White gave the invocation.

Mr. Wyman made a motion to accept the Minutes of the September 16, 2020, Residential Building Subcommittee Meeting. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. McDuff introduced guest Alex Reinboth with the Louisiana Attorney General's Office.

Mr. McDuff also introduced two new Residential Contractors Subcommittee Members, Travis Manceaux and Craig Stevens, and they were sworn in by Judge Darrell White.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests were received from the public to address the Licensing Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Carrie Morgan and Brad Hassert with the Compliance Department for the board were sworn in.

D. COMPLIANCE HEARINGS:

1. DAVID KELLEY D/B/A KELLEY & SONS CONSTRUCTION AND HANDYMAN SERVICES, Leesville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of DAVID KELLEY D/B/A KELLEY & SONS CONSTRUCTION AND HANDYMAN SERVICES. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find DAVID KELLEY D/B/A KELLEY & SONS CONSTRUCTION AND HANDYMAN SERVICES to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

2. <u>Lynn Hamilton D/B/A Lynn Hamilton Carpentry,</u> DeRidder, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of LYNN HAMILTON D/B/A LYNN HAMILTON CARPENTRY. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find LYNN HAMILTON D/B/A LYNN HAMILTON CARPENTRY to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

3. RONALD MYERS D/B/A RONNIE MYERS, West Monroe, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by RONALD MYERS D/B/A RONNIE MYERS. Mr. Wyman made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

4. Marchand Brothers Construction LLC, Winnsboro, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by MARCHAND BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC. Mr. Wyman made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

5. **ALEXANDER HERNANDEZ,** Kenner, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of ALEXANDER HERNANDEZ. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find ALEXANDER HERNANDEZ to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

<Items 6. and 7. were consolidated.>

- SPARK OPERATION & HEAVY GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, LLC, R.S. 37:2167(A)
- 7. SPARK OPERATION & HEAVY GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, LLC, New Orleans, Louisiana La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Kevin Williams was present on behalf of SPARK OPERATION & HEAVY GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Williams entered a no contest plea for both matters. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packets for both matters. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packets into evidence and they were admitted. Mr. Williams gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board questioned Mr. Williams. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to allow the administrative penalty to be reduced to a \$500 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs if the company obtains the proper license within 90 days. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

8. SAINTS & SANTOS CONSTRUCTION, LLC, Gretna, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by SAINTS & SANTOS CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

9. **HECTOR REYES,** Gretna, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of HECTOR REYES. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find HECTOR REYES to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

10. **RHETT BLANCHARD D/B/A INDEPENDENT DRYWALL SERVICES,** Pierre Part, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by RHETT BLANCHARD D/B/A INDEPENDENT DRYWALL SERVICES. Mr. Fine made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

11. <u>NICKOLAS MORRIS D/B/A JESSE'S PATIOS & SIDING</u>, Pierre Part, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of NICKOLAS MORRIS D/B/A JESSE'S PATIOS & SIDING. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find NICKOLAS MORRIS D/B/A JESSE'S PATIOS & SIDING to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

<Matters 12. and 13. were consolidated.>

- 12. Songy's Roofing & Contractors LLC, Baton Rouge, Louisiana La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(2) and (3)
- 13. Songy's Roofing & Contractors LLC, Baton Rouge, Louisiana La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(2) and (3)

Ms. Morgan requested a continuance for these matters. Mr. Wyman made a motion to grant the continuance for items 12 and 13. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

14. a) **HEYER HANSON INSPECTIONS, LLC,** Abita Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of HEYER HANSON INSPECTIONS, LLC. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find HEYER HANSON INSPECTIONS, LLC to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

b) **DAVID McCAULEY**, Greensburg, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. DAVID MCCAULEY was present and was sworn in. Mr. McCauley entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. McCauley gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board questioned Mr. McCauley. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of \$500 in administrative costs Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

c) <u>Lee Greathouse D/B/A Greathouse Renovations,</u> Boutte, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of LEE GREATHOUSE D/B/A GREATHOUSE RENOVATIONS. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find LEE GREATHOUSE D/B/A GREATHOUSE RENOVATIONS to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

d) **DWAYNE GLOVER,** Denham Springs, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by DWAYNE GLOVER. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

15. a) SITE-TECH CONSULTING & CONSTRUCTION LLC, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 3 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by SITE-TECH CONSULTING & CONSTRUCTION LLC. Mr. Wyman made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

b) **LEROY WILLIAMS,** Zachary, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. LEROY WILLIAMS was present and was sworn in. Mr. Williams entered a no contest plea. Mr. Wyman made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand, reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Williams gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. Mr. Temple made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of \$500 in administrative costs Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

c) CARL VESSEL, Ethel, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by CARL VESSEL. Mr. Wyman made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

d) **RAFAEL RICO,** Independence, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. RAFAEL RICO was present and was sworn in. Bryan Rico, acting as an interpreter for Rafael Rico, was also present and was sworn in. Mr. Rico entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Hassert provided testimony to the board. Mr. Rico gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. Mr. Hassert provided testimony to the board. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to allow the administrative penalty to be reduced to \$500 in administrative costs only if the company obtains the proper license within 90 days. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

16. HENRY HOMES, LLC, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4), 2 counts

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Henry Knieper was present on behalf of HENRY HOMES, LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Knieper entered a no contest plea. Mr. Wyman made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand, reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Knieper gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$250 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

17. a) S & B CONSTRUCTION GROUP OF LA LLC, Prairieville, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2158(A)(4)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and read the settlement offer presented by S & B CONSTRUCTION GROUP OF LA LLC. Mr. Morse made a motion to accept the settlement offer as presented, which included a no contest plea. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

b) **PRIME CONSTRUCTION GROUP L.L.C.,** Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. No one was present on behalf of PRIME CONSTRUCTION GROUP L.L.C. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand. Mr. Hassert reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony to the board. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Morse made a motion to find PRIME CONSTRUCTION GROUP L.L.C. to be in violation, to assess the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to issue a cease and desist order. Mr. Wyman seconded. The motion passed.

18. <u>JOHN WESLEY QUINN D/B/A ONE WAY CONTRACTOR SERVICES</u>, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan stated that the company had requested a continuance. Mr. Wyman made a motion to grant the continuance. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

E. COMPLIANCE HEARING/CONTINUANCE:

1. NOLA OAK DESIGN AND BUILD LLC, Kenner, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2167(A)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations. Jereme Bufkin was present on behalf of NOLA OAK DESIGN AND BUILD LLC and was sworn in. Mr. Bufkin entered a no contest plea. Mr. Wyman made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Temple seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand and reviewed the exhibit packet. Mr. Landreneau entered the exhibit packet into evidence and it was admitted. Mr. Hassert provided testimony to the board Mr. Bufkin gave a statement to the board regarding this matter. The board questioned Mr. Bufkin. Mr. Morse made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of a \$500 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

F. REQUEST FOR REHEARING:

1. <u>MILOSLAV VALENTA, JR. D/B/A COMPLETE SHEETROCK SERVICES</u>, Gretna, Louisiana – La. R.S. 37:2175.3(A)(1) and (4)

Ms. Morgan gave a summary of the allegations and the previous action taken by the board regarding this matter. Miloslav Valenta was present on behalf of MILOSLAV VALENTA, JR. D/B/A COMPLETE SHEETROCK SERVICES and was sworn in. Mr. Valenta addressed the board regarding the request for a rehearing. Mr. Wyman made a motion to grant the rehearing. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Valenta entered a no contest plea. Mr. Temple made a motion to accept the plea. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed. Brad Hassert, Compliance Director, who was previously sworn, was called to the stand, reviewed the exhibit packet and provided testimony

to the board. Mr. Valenta gave a statement to the board. The board questioned Mr. Valenta. Mr. Wyman made a motion to assess an administrative penalty of the maximum fine plus \$1000 in administrative costs and to allow the administrative penalty to be reduced to a \$1000 fine plus \$500 in administrative costs if the company obtains the proper license within 90 days. Mr. Fine seconded. The motion passed.

- G. Consideration of additional classifications for residential licenses as listed and attached to the agenda. (Page 5)
 - Mr. Wyman made a motion to approve the additional classifications for residential licenses as listed on the agenda. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.
- H. Consideration of residential applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 6-15)
 - Mr. Wyman made a motion to approve the new residential applications as listed on the agenda. Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.
- I. Consideration of home improvement applications as listed and attached to the agenda. (Pages 16-26)
 - Mr. Wyman made a motion to approve the new home improvement registration applications as listed on the agenda, and Mr. Morse seconded. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Wyman made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m., and Mr. Temple seconded. The motio nimously.	n passed
Lloyd "Chip" Badeaux, Chairman	
Elliott Temple, Vice Chairman	